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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371</b>		ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER 24741-1509US
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP99/00716	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 03 February 1999	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 04 February 1998
TITLE: <b>METHOD OF QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF TUMOR CELLS IN A BODY FLUID AND TEST KITS SUITABLE THEREFOR</b>		
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US: Michael W. Dahm, Robert C. Phelps, Carsten Brockmeyer		
Applicant herewith submitsto the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)): a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)): a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)). 10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).		
<b>Items 11 to 16 concern other documents or information included:</b>		
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A DECLARATION and POWER OF ATTORNEY with claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119 for benefit of priority application European Application Serial No. DE 198 04 372.4 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items of information: A SEQUENCE LISTING and DISK copy thereof.		

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
<b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO <span style="float: right;">\$ 840.00</span>  International preliminary examination fee paid to PTO (37 CFR 1.482) <span style="float: right;">\$ 670.00</span>  No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) <span style="float: right;">\$ 760.00</span>  Neither international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO <span style="float: right;">\$970.00</span>  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Articles 33(2)-(4) <span style="float: right;">\$ 96.00</span>					
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				\$ 840.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months for the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$ 130.00	
Claims*	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total claims	68	48	18	\$ 864.00	
Independent claims	2	0	78	\$ 0.00	
Multiple dependent claims		0	230	\$ 0.00	
<b>BASED UPON ENTRY OF THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</b> <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$1834.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing small entity				917.00	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$ 917.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months for the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).					
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$1047.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) \$40.00 per property.				\$ 0.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$1047.00	
				Amount to be: refunded	\$
				charged	\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1047.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1213 for the above fees or for any amount due that is not covered by the enclosed check or if the enclosed check is in the wrong amount, post-dated or otherwise improper. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1213 is enclosed.					
<b>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</b>  Stephanie Seidman Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP 4250 Executive Square, 7th Floor La Jolla, CA 92037 Telephone: (858) 450-8400 Facsimile: (858) 587-5360					


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